CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for registering an unregistered vendor in a network-based
2   framework, comprising the steps of:
3 (a) receiving at least one order from a first user utilizing a network, wherein the
4   at least one order is directed to a second user that is not registered with the
5   network-based framework;
6 (b) getting contact information of the second user; and
7 (c) transmitting a request to the second user using the contact information,
8   wherein the request is for the second user to register with the network- based
9   framework.

1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first user is a merchant and the
2   second user is a vendor.

1 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.

1 4. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of allowing
2   the first user to complete a blank purchase order.

1 5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the purchase order includes the
2   contact information.

1 6. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of
2   transmitting a notification relating to the order.

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1   7.   The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the notification is sent if the

2   second user fails to register.

1   8.   The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the steps of

2   charging the second user a fee based on the order, and paying the first user a

3   rebate based on the order.

1   9.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the registration includes storing

2   information relating to the second user in a database of the network-based

3   framework, and other users are allowed to access the information.

1   10.   The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the information in the database

2   may be synchronized with information on a computing device which is

3   connected to the database via the Internet.

1   11.   A computer program product for registering an unregistered vendor in a

2   network-based framework, comprising:

3   (a)   computer code for receiving at least one order from a first user utilizing a

4   network, wherein the at least one order is directed to a second u ser that is not

5   registered with the network-based framework;

6   (b)   computer code for getting contact information of the second user; and

7   (c)   computer code for transmitting a request to the second user using the contact

8   information, wherein the request is for the second user to register with the

9   network-based framework.

1   12.   The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first user

2   is a merchant and the second user is a vendor.

1   13.   The computer program product as recited in claim 10, whe rein the network is

2   the Internet.

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1   14.   The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising

2   computer code for allowing the first user to complete a blank purchase order.

1   15.   The computer program product as recited in claim 13, whe rein the purchase

2   order includes the contact information.

1   16.   The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising

2   computer code for transmitting a notification relating to the order.

1   17.   The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the

2   notification is sent if the second user fails to register.

1   18.   The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising

2   computer code for charging the second user a fee based on the order, and

3   paying the first user a rebate based on the order.

1   19.   The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising

2   computer code for allowing other users to access information relating to the

3   second user.

1   20.   The computer program product as recited in c laim 10, wherein the

2   registration includes storing information relating to the second user in a

3   database of the network-based framework, and other users are allowed to

4   access the information.

1   21.   The computer program product as recited in claim 20, wherein the

2   information in the database may be synchronized with information on a

3   computing device which is connected to the database via the Internet.

1   22.   A system for registering an unregistered vendor in a network-based

2   framework, comprising:

3   (a)   logic for receiving at least one order from a first user utilizing a network,

4   wherein the at least one order is directed to a second user that is not

5   registered with the network-based framework;

6   (b)   logic for getting contact information of the second user; and

7   (c)   logic for transmitting a request to the second user using the contact

8   information, wherein the request is for the second user to register with the

9   network-based framework.

1   23.   A method for registering unregistered goods or services in a network-based

2   framework, comprising the steps of:

3   (a)   receiving from a first user at least one order for goods or services of a second

4   user utilizing a network, wherein the goods or services are not registered with

5   the network-based framework;

6   (b)   notifying the second user of the order utilizing the network; and

7   (c)   allowing the second user to display information on the goods or services

8   using the network-based framework in response to the notification.

1   24.   A computer program product for registering unregistered goods or services in

2   a network-based framework, comprising:

3   (a)   computer code for receiving from a first user at least one order for goods or

4   services of a second user utilizing a network, wherein the goods or services

5   are not registered with the network-based framework;

6   (b)   computer code for notifying the second user of the order utilizing the

7   network; and

8   (c)   computer code for allowing the second user to display information on the

9   goods or services using the network-based framework in response to the

10   notification.

1   25.   A system for registering unregistered goods or services in a network-based

2   framework, comprising:

3   (a)   logic for receiving from a first user at least one order for goods or services of

4   a second user utilizing a network, wherein the goods or services are not

5   registered with the network-based framework;

6   (b)   logic for notifying the second user of the order utilizing the network; and

7   (c)   logic for allowing the second user to display information on the goods or

8   services using the network-based framework in response to the notification.